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INCARCERATION IMMINENT

Wily Weaver Turns State's Evidence—Professors Lewis and Kelly to be Arraigned.

The secret is out! No longer will we marvel that we expected entering classes of two hundred, and found sixty men actually enrolled. No more with care-free hearts will we patiently peruse page four-and-one-half of "Life." The time when joyous banqueters may carrom from tree to tree on their way up the Hill is a thing of the past. The secret is out. You're a criminal. I'm a criminal; Elihu Root is a criminal; Dr. Stryker is a criminal; Peter Kelly is a criminal. And that is why sub-freshmen are scarce. Would you send a son of yours to a college of unconvicted wrong-doers to associate with a rabble of unmolested malefactors?

Who killed cock-robin? Who let the secret out? Some say that John Van Alstyne Weaver of Winnetka, Ill., told a "Life" reporter that Harry Bates had told him that he had it straight from Don Sidle that one Woolsey Stryker had informed him that there was upon the statutes of the State of New York a law forbidding "anye man, female, child, or animal to seat oneself upon ye sled and to violently propel same, aided by gravitie, from ye summit of Collyge Hill to Towne Squaire." And the Weaver-Bates-Sidle-Stryker combination guessed right first time. Investigation discloses that there is such a law and that it has never been repealed. Furthermore, every time that law is violated the offender renders himself liable to a fine of one dollar.

In an interview with a "Life" reporter, Capt. Henry Blackstone Clark of the night squad of the Clinton Police Department made the following statement: "I have been aware for some time that such a law existed and have been hard at work obtaining evidence. I don't wish to make any arrests until conviction is certain. I cannot tell you against whom the first warrants will be issued, but it will be against those high in authority of the College, presumably Professors Lewis or Kelly. Our detectives are in communication with the New York police so that Mr. Elihu Root is under constant surveillance."

That the situation is alarming is undoubtedly true. Should the entire College be arrested and confined within the precincts of the Clinton gaol fear is felt that a certain disagreeable incident occurring at Calcutta some time ago might be repeated. The consequences of such wholesale arrests as well as the number of possible offenses can only be surmised. Even at the minimum, Vice-President Sherman, in a four years' course of forty weeks a year, with sixteen weeks of snow at six coasts a week, now owes the exchequer of the village of Clinton the sum of $384.00. Members of the down-hill crowds are undoubtedly the heaviest offenders and it is rumored that at least four goats will be disposed of at cost in order to meet the fines. It is rumored that a number of men will leave the Hill today to secrete themselves until the affair blows over.

Up to the time of going to press "Life" had been able to obtain no further information other than that Capt. Henry Clark was looking over automobile catalogs and that President Stryker was contemplating levying a larger paint tax on the next term bill.

HAMILTONIAN BOARD MEETING.

The Hamiltonian Board held its first meeting of the term in Carnegie last Wednesday night at which several important matters were discussed. The cover design and the dedication have been definitely decided upon. The contract for binding and publishing has been awarded to T. J. Griffiths of Utica. In addition to the business meeting, a light feed was enjoyed.

The Board is very anxious to receive contributions of all kinds but especially in the line of local photographs, snap-shots and sketches.

DINFUL DUO DOMINATE

Dinner of Jubilant Juniors—"Davy" Narrowly Escaped Nomination as Toastmaster.

Saturday evening, the Juniors, conforming to the annual custom, held their beefsteak dinner. Host Johnson of Baggs Hotel had provided an appetizing menu of consomme, beefsteak, French fried potatoes, and Spanish omelette, crackers and cheese, and coffee for the assembled banqueters and his culinary efforts were appreciated, should one judge by the rapidity with which the viands disappeared.

While the clans—clans they were as was attested to by the temporary tho occasional segregation of groups of two or three—were whiling away the preprandial interval, "Davy" was espied in the distance, whereupon there ensued a rapid sprint by the redoubtable economic sharks, Clancy and Bud, to decide who should gain the best "supe" by first inviting "Davy" to preside at the trencher; "Bud" won by a neck, but even his persuasive wiles were in vain, for "Davy" plead a prior engagement. All were downcast at this misfortune excepting "Fen" Lynch—pardon, the Count of Dublin, pro tem. "Fen" was to be disheartened by nothing.

There were no toasts, but of course all had to sing, especially the dinful duo, "Spider" and "Dunder", who insisted upon rendering several characteristic songs, much to their own edification but to the extreme disgust of the less capable in vocalics.

In obedience to the earnest exhortations and copying the scrupulous abstemiousness of "Clancy", the banqueters were marvels of propriety; even in the exhilarated atmosphere of the theatre, whither the class in a body adjourned, was observed in a manner extraordinarily proper. The risible Root emitted occasional cachinnations at seemingly amusing incidents, but "why not?" answered Clancy to the expostulations of the outraged Dorrance, whose inclinations towards interference in the machin-

ery of the theatre disappeared at "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which he, with some of his kindred spirits, attended Freshman year.

The great success of the dinner is due to the capable executive abilities of Chairman Walker. Boone and Drummond also were on the committee.

D. T.

"Aby" Wassung, '13, has been tapped by D. T. to fill the place left vacant by Evans, ex-'13, who left last term for the University of Minnesota. The nimbused neophyte is receiving congratulations from those already in the fold and is at once an object of admiration and envy to expectant Freshmen.

The club will have its group picture taken Saturday afternoon at Frey's, and after dinner at the Martin, will witness the Shubert from the orchestra circle, where they are to be unrestrained and will endeavor by the weird dreizehn and various songs to amuse a restless house until B is staged.

Following the example of the clubs of a few years past, different members in selected coteries will entertain at the different fraternity houses. Presumably most of these occasions will be held during winter term.

INTER-CLASS DEBATE.

The inter-class debate between the Seniors and the Juniors will be held in the Chapel, Friday evening, February 3rd, at seven-thirty. The subject will be "for or against initiative and referendum in New York State." The Seniors will uphold the affirmative and the Juniors the negative. The teams will be as follows: Seniors—Wisehart, Martin, Colson, and S. Jones; Juniors—Eells, DuBois, Thompson, Bedenkapp, and Boone, alternate.

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—The Harvard University catalog for 1910-11, recently issued, shows that Hamilton is well represented. E. C. Day, '07, is in his fourth year of graduate work in zoology and is Austin Teaching Fellow in Zoology. In the Law School are J. S. Fitch, '08, and S. S. Judson, '08, in the Third Year Class, O. M. Bate, '08, in the Second Year Class, and J. D. Judson, '10, in the First Year Class. Paul D. Kneeland, '09, is in the first year of his work in forestry in the Graduate School of Applied Science. J. V. Morris, ex-'09, Harvard '09, is in the second year of his graduate work in physics and mathematics in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Richard S. Ould, ex-'10, Amherst '10, is in the first year in the course in electrical engineering in the Graduate School of Applied Science.

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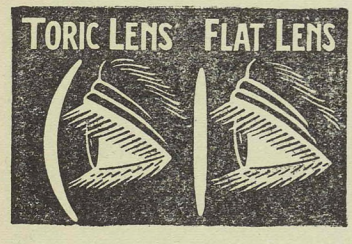

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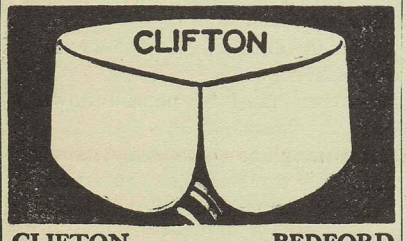

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EDITORIAL.

Who were the six men who wrote Winter Orations in competition for the Head, Pruyn and Kirkland Prizes? Of the thirty men in the class, twenty-nine deny absolutely having had anything to do with the matter. Is it possible that five Juniors would presume to have submitted papers? Of the entire Senior Class, Wisehart was the only man who would acknowledge that he wrote, but in the same breath he asserted that he was not at all surprised that his oration was rejected. In chatting with Professor Ibbotson he explained that so much of his time was taken up in drilling the Freshman speakers and that his work for the Senior Seminar in English writing made such demands upon his time that he had little opportunity to compose a prize oration; that he merely "dashed off one in a hurry at the last minute."

We understand that Gouge elected "Prize Oration" for a one-hour subject during fall term but what arrangement he was able to make with the faculty for a late change of electives we have not as yet learned. Possibly he was able to substitute "choir", for evidently he did not write as no appointments were made.

Why should not the subject of the Kirkland Oration—"The Providential Relation of the Greek Language to the New Testament"—have appealed to Day, who must now be considered a "veteran" in the ranks of prize oration writers?

And then there was "Bennie" Willard who refused an invitation to attend the Sophomore Banquet the night before the orations were due and stayed up late running the typewriter, writing—a letter home.

"Squirt" Fawcett didn't go home at all during vacation but we have no reason to believe that the writing of a prize oration had anything to do with that.

"Ted" Martin is a member of the Senior Seminar in Writing English and so he has had the benefit of capable instruction. And then he has written one prize essay and received a "mention" for another, to say nothing of the lectures he has delivered to the natives of this vicinity on "The Menace of Mormonism." "Ted" had announced his intention of shivering a lance in the literary lists, but no doubt the quarantine has some thing to do with his changing his mind.

Dr. Stryker's voice trembled when he made the announcement in morning chapel that, of the six orations submitted, none were of such character as to warrant an appointment. Not so with Prof. C. L. Lewis when, a little later, he thundered to the startled Freshmen that of six orations, "two were not finished and the other four he would not have accepted for a chapel appearance."

It must be remembered, however, that the present Senior Class never had the benefits of early training under the present head of the department of Rhetoric and Oratory. Between 1911's Freshman and Sophomore year our system of writing was changed and the class has not yet been able to adjust itself to the demands of the new regime.

Much better results can be expected next year from the present Junior Class. In the meantime we shall be interested in our attempts to discover the other five men who submitted those anonymous orations.

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At the meeting of the Senior Club last Thursday night there was a discussion as to what should be done with Senior Ball. For some time past there has been a growing dissatisfaction with the institution and abortive attempts to remedy it. There are very few Seniors who care about a dance after the fatiguing events of Commencement week, while the others who go are often prevented by the weather from dancing more than two or three numbers. And the expense. This is no small item in itself, and, coming as it does on top of all the Senior taxes, it is calculated to swell the "estimated annual expenses" far above the "profuse" mark and make several young alumni wonder as to just how they are to get out of Clinton without their baggage.

The remedy for such a condition lies close at hand—interchange Junior Prom and Senior Ball. Have the Seniors give the winter dance just as the Juniors give it now, and let the Juniors take the burden of giving a dance about Commencement time off the shoulders of the heavily-laden Seniors. Now that the underclassmen dances have been put under the ban, it seems a pity to think of dropping one of our dances from the calander.

But even after the interchange had been made, and it could not take effect this year, the spring dance could be made much more attractive by holding it earlier in the term. Many colleges give a Junior Prom in May or June; certainly that is a more rational time to give a dance than in the last hot days of June when everyone is worn out with the events connected with Commencement. The early spring sees the College at its very best, and at that time, given only fair weather, we have as near an approach to ideal conditions as may be offered. At the discussion among the Seniors it was suggested to hold Senior Ball either the night before or the night after K. P. But as Senior examinations begin almost directly after that date, it seems improbable that this will be done. The idea, however, may be passed down to oncoming classes in the hope that something may be done to relieve the present undesirable situation. With the various fraternity dances scheduled as they are at Junior time, why should the spring dance not be the more pleasant and more popular of the two?

THE CLINTON CONCERT.

The date of the Clinton concert has been changed from Friday evening, the 3rd of February, to Monday evening, the 30th of January. The concert will not only afford Clinton people an opportunity to hear the clubs, and to hear them in better condition than they have ever before heard them, but it will give men in college a chance of hearing a program entirely different from that of the Junior week concert. The feature of the monologue try-outs is already well known, and is arousing no end of excitement and interest. Since the last issue of Life another number has been added to the program, after some hesitation—a bit of team work by Boone and Harper. This alone, the gentlemen affirm, is worth the meagre price of admission. Besides these features, the new tutti-frutti by Purdy, '06, will be heard for the first time, as will the Winter Song and The Barks. The concert will mark the debut of Gouge as a soloist, and will be the first time Allen has appeared before the college in that capacity. Those doubting Thomases who with wringing hands were wont to predict that the places of the smiling Hastings and the inimitable Sarles could never be filled, will have a most agreeable surprise. The management is desirous of impressing upon the college the necessity of its support of this concert as well as the concerts that are looked upon as more strictly college affairs. The concert is one of the hopes entertained as possible means of defraying a very small portion of the overwhelming expenses of the Chicago trip, and the cause warrants the college support, which indications say it will get. The tickets may be obtained from the managers or candidates for the assistant managership, for 35 cents, and may be reserved at Floyd King's without extra cost. The concert will be held in Scollard Opera House and will commence at 8:15 sharp, owing to the length of the program.

—The standing of the Freshman Life competition is as follows: Marsh, Callahan, Booth, Gates, McMillan, Ogden, Cole, Bristol, Mengerink and Flagg. Two men from the above list will be elected to the Board at the close of the present term.

BY WAY OF ENCORE.

"Claude Egmont Anibal will present Francis Robert Harper and Hugh Francis Eaton-Ferrol Boone in that premier of comedies, 'College Life,' at Scollard Opera House the evening of February 30th."

Altho hinting vaguely at a great innovation for some time Mr. Anibal has declined to say anything until recently about the nature of the affair. The announcement has come as a complete surprise to a host of stage enthusiasts, who were this morning officially informed of the coming production. Mr. Anibal admits that the underlying plot of the comedy has been plagiarized from George Ade's immortal play of the same name, but that vital features in the crises will materially change the action. Mr. Harper will play the role of the college hero and will give an original line of talk, while he rolls the makings and wears typical college clothes imported full peg from Wicks & Greenman. Much belittled Boone will be the grind and will do some clever character work, but unlike the Kentucky pioneer, of whom he is a lineal descendant, he will also smoke the makings and indulge in cheap wit. The extravaganza, in connection with the Glee Club concert, betokens full coffers for Floyd King and an enjoyable respite from steady bohning on the Hill.

BOWLING ALLEYS WILL OPEN.

The bowling alleys will be open for the rest of the term beginning Wednesday under the management of Peters, '11, and Bates, '12. The reports of the damage done to the alleys during the recent flood are very much exaggerated and the alleys will be in good shape for play. A recent canvass of the college showed about fifty men desirous of bowling. If this number actually joins the club, an individual tournament will be organized. For the present the alleys will be open three afternoons and four evenings: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons; and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. These hours may later be readjusted to meet the demands on the alleys. The admission fee will be $1.50 with the agreement that fifty cents will be refunded if the member plays forty games during the season. There will be the usual alley fee of five cents a man for a game.

CHICAGO CONCERT ASSURED.

At last word comes that the Chicago trip, much talked and dreamed of, is to be reality. By dint of the untiring efforts of good old "Geeze" Renwick among the heartily responding alumni of Chicago and environs, sufficient money has been raised to warrant the venture. All the money is not yet provided for and in fact it is not yet by any means crystal clear just how some of it is to be provided for, but we're optimistic and believe with the management that by much scraping and hard work, with the co-operation of the clubs, and especially of the College at large, which may help materially by just coming to the concerts, the trips may be made to materialize. Such a trip, it is obvious, is well worth the inconvenience, hard work and self denial required. Considered as a college boost, it cannot fail. The other concerts besides the Chicago concert will be probably in Auburn, Rochester, Albion, Buffalo, Jamestown, Lima, O., Paulding, Van Wert, Ashtabula, also of Ohio, and some other town not yet decided upon. The Chicago concert will be given in one of the ball rooms of the LaSalle Hotel.

The Winter trip is now definitely arranged and will take place the first part of March, including the first four days, and, facultate volente, the 28th of February. The itinerary includes Oxford, or Sidney, Binghamton, Middletown, Newburgh, and New York. The New York concert will be given in the Green Room of the Waldorf Astoria on the evening of March 4th.

STRYKER--DANIELS.

At a quiet noon wedding at the President's residence, Saturday, January 21st, Miss Harriet M. Daniels of New York was married to Lieutenant Goss L. Stryker, U. S. A., Hamilton '01. The bride is a daughter of the late George H. Daniels of the New York Central. She was attended by Miss Evelyn Stryker as maid of honor, and the best man was the groom's brother, Lloyd P. Stryker, '06. Dr. Stryker performed the ceremony.

A wedding breakfast was served to about fifty guests, after which Lieutenant and Mrs. Stryker left for a short trip to New York. They will return to Clinton for a few weeks in February, and later make their home at Fort Meade, South Dakota.

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HILL NOTES.

—President Stryker has been ill with a severe cold during the past week. His condition is now greatly improved.

—This month's issue of the Independent contains an interesting article concerning the College written by E. P. Powwell, '53.

—C. E. Leavenworth, '09, is coaching the track team of the Central High School of Cleveland, Ohio.

—Sherwood, ex-'11, is studying at the University of Wisconsin.

—Plant, '12, has resigned his office as treasurer of the Chess Club.

—Lyon, '13, will take the picture of the Lit. Board for the Hamiltonian.

—Sherman, '04, and Soper, '08, were on the Hill recently.

—The Junior Prom. Committee met last night at the Chi Psi Lodge.

—During the past week Forrest,'13, and Barnes, '14, met with coasting accidents and narrowly escaped serious injuries.

—A Seminar Course in Zoology is given by Prof. Morrill for Seniors and Juniors.

—The Hamiltonian Board picture was taken in Utica last Saturday.

—Professor Ernest W. Clement, a lay missionary from Tokio, Japan, was the guest of Dr. Wood last week.

—The date of the Clinton concert has been changed from February 3 to January 30. The interclass debate will be held on February 3rd.

—New York papers make an announcement, pleasing to many friends that Louis J. Ehret of New York has been made floor manager of the great charity ball of German organizations, to be given at the Hotel Astor, Jan. 26th. Mr. Ehret was graduated from Hamilton College in 1904, and is remembered as one of the best amateur impersonators and monologists who ever appeared here.

—The Senior Class was entertained by the Senior delegation of Delta Kappa Epsilon at their house last Thursday evening. The object was purely a social one, and it is expected that others will be held in the near future. Cards were played until a late hour when a fine supper was served. After the meal songs were sung, after which the gathering broke up with the "Dekes" giving their yell for the class, and the class their yell for the "Dekes."

—Among the alumni on the Hill recently were E. E. Stowell, '01, Elihu Root, Jr., '03, and G. L. Stryker, '01, and L. P. Stryker, '06.

DE LUMINIBUS DISPUTANDUM.

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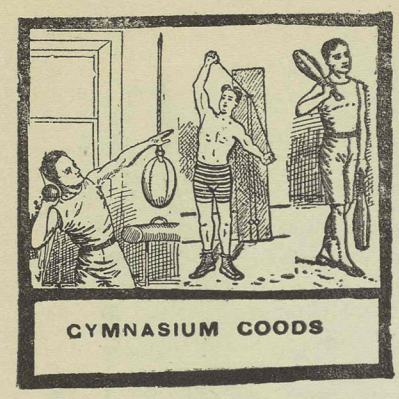

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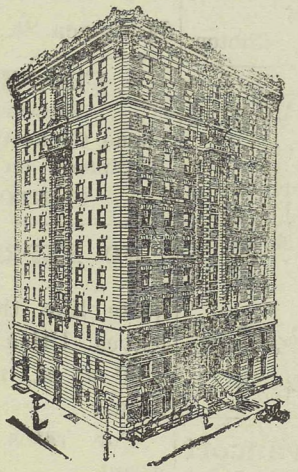

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